

## Mayor's Message

By Mayor Chris Riley

*"The shortest distance between  
two people is a smile."*

*Victor Borge*

### WELCOME TO POLICE CHIEF JOE SALVAGGIO

I am pleased to announce that City Manager Kuenstler appointed Captain Joe Salvaggio, 29 year veteran of the San Antonio Police Department, as our new police chief. Captain Salvaggio was selected out of a field of 22 qualified



*New LV Chief of Police  
Joe Salvaggio*

individuals. Captain Salvaggio recently headed up the police force at the San Antonio International airport, supervising 56 police officers. He is also retired from the United States Air Force as a Chief Master Sergeant after 31 years (full

time and reserve). His experience in the military is very impressive, particularly his travel around the world as a security expert for US military bases. Capt. Salvaggio holds a BS degree in Criminal Justice from Excelsior College and is currently attending the Public Administration Masters program at UTSA. He is married and has two grown children. Capt. Salvaggio resides in Helotes and will begin his tenure with the City of Leon Valley on September 15, 2016. Please welcome Police Chief Salvaggio to our city!

Our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to former Chief of Police Randall Wallace, who retired from the city on August 12th after 32 years of service to our city. He began as patrol officer in 1982 and rose to the rank of Police Chief in 2006. We thank Chief Wallace for



*Retired Chief of Police Randall  
Wallace and Mayor Riley*



his dedication and commitment to the citizens of Leon Valley and wish him well as he begins a new chapter in his life!

### FISCAL YEAR

**10/1/16 - 9/30/17 -**

### BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS-

During July and August, City Manager Kuenstler presented the proposed General Fund budget for fiscal year 2017. Revenues from property tax, sales tax, franchise fees, licenses, permits, fees, and other sources are projected at \$8.267 million. These revenues will fund police, fire, public works, general government, library, parks, economic development, community development, special events and the Crime Control and Prevention District. The FY 2017 budget funds a 2% merit increase for employees, based on evaluations.

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Additionally, the council approved a 2.0% cost of living adjustment and \$4 per month longevity pay for each year of service. The total operating expenditures in the general fund for FY 2017 are calculated at \$8.099 million.

The Crime Control District funds (received from 1/8 cent sales tax revenues) for this fiscal year it will fund the salary and benefits for an Assistant Police Chief, two patrol officers, overtime and certification pay for a total expenditure of \$271,571.

Payment into the Texas Municipal Retirement System for all city

employees, currently at 14.71% of gross salaries, will decrease on January 1, 2017 to 13.11%. (The City's payment is in addition to the employees' 6% contribution). The City's retirement payment amounts to \$ 736,000 for FY 2017 for 105 employees. The city's medical insurance program, which provides medical, dental, vision and life insurance coverage to all employees at no cost, actually decreased this year by 1%. The manager had a 17% increase figured into the budget; the savings amounts to over \$100,000. (Last year medical insurance rose by 11%).

Approximately \$ 4 million will be paid for contractual services from

the general and the water company funds. Other budgeted expenditures include: \$130,000 for market salary adjustments for employees who are below market average, as determined by the city manager; funding of a new planner position in community development, and of a Deputy Fire Marshall in the fire department; \$58,000 to support the July 4th Celebration and other city special events; \$145,000 for sidewalks; \$106,000 for new road equipment for Public Works; \$12,700 for new books for the Library; \$46,302 for the Leon Valley pool (on Poss road) for management fees; \$15,000 for drainage studies; \$46,000 for park improve-

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## TEXAS RECYCLES DAY

**Saturday, November 5, 2016**

**9am-1pm**

**Leon Valley Public Works**

**6429 Evers Road**

(down Alley-Kinman Road-behind the Community Center)



Bring in your old or unused medications, car batteries, oil, grease, cardboard, paper, newspaper, appliances, aluminum, steel, tin, plastic bags, and glass/plastic bottles to do your part for recycling!

**NO** food waste containers, styrofoam, TV's, or hazardous materials.

### Medication Recycling:

- **DO** bring pills dumped in a zippered storage bag (remove personal information and recycle pill bottles/packaging).
- **DO** bring liquid medications in their original containers.
- **DON'T** bring needles or other 'sharps'. No Epi-pens, diabetic lancets, etc...(these can be discarded in a sealed milk jug, carton or coffee can and tossed in the trash).

**Help Keep Leon Valley Beautiful!**

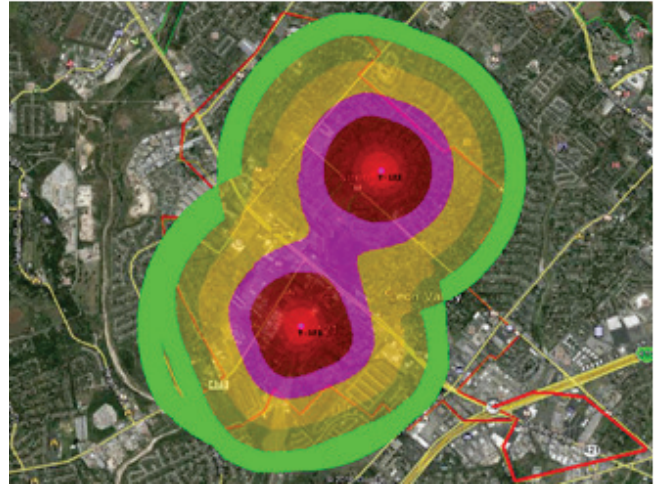


# New Flood/Storm Siren coming to Leon Valley

Luis Valdez, Fire Chief

The City of Leon Valley's early warning siren grant was approved by the Texas Water Development Board in Austin, Texas, on August 25th, 2016. Out of 41 applications, only 17 applications were approved. This 50% matching grant will be used to add a flood/storm siren at Public Works in the coming months. This new siren will better notify residents that live near the park of impending flooding or other severe weather. This project will work in conjunction with and also update the existing siren system (located along El Verde Rd.), and be more efficient by adding a remote activation feature. This means that firefighters will be able to activate both sirens through a handheld device in the field.

We will continue to use reverse 9-1-1, social media, and any other means available to communicate a hazard to the community. This system is intended to



get your attention, and wake you if you are sleeping so that you can take necessary steps to protect yourself and your family.

The illustration attached shows the sound coverage related to decibels. The new siren (in red at center of top of illustration) will carry sound better in the Forest Oaks, Canterfield, Grass Valley, Pavona Place, and Evening Sun areas of the City.

We will be sure to keep everyone updated as we work through completion of this project, and will send updated instructions for this new system soon.

Thank you, and stay safe!

## Lines from the Library

The Leon Valley Public Library would like to thank the Friends Group for their continued support in purchasing adult books in Spanish. This was a gap in our collection and has been very popular. We are adding items monthly and the community overall has benefitted and thanks you.

### Dates to note:

Saturday September 17: Author Camille DeMaio Book Signing and presentation on the process of writing and publishing.

Tuesday September 27-Saturday October 1: Banned Book Week. Help us celebrate the Freedom to Read!

Saturday October 29: Halloween Party/Trash to Treasure/Arbor Day/Ciclovía Event

If you haven't been in lately, there are many new items as you walk in the door....we'd love to have you come CHECK US OUT!





# Fire Prevention MONTH in Leon Valley

Luis Valdez, Fire Chief

As Firefighters, we understand that having smoke detectors in every home is the single best fire protection measure residents can take. According to the National Fire Protection Association, 3 out of 5 deaths in house fires in the United States (2009-2013) occurred in homes without a working smoke detector. Leon Valley Firefighters have been active in smoke detector installations throughout the city. This year alone, we have installed nearly 200 smoke detectors in the Grass Valley, and Canterfield subdivisions. As usual, we will be visiting our schools and daycares teaching the fundamentals of fire safety to the children in Leon Valley. As it turns out, this year's fire prevention theme is, "Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years". To help encourage the actions behind this mes-



sage, we also have several projects planned to install even more smoke detectors in different areas of Leon Valley. As always, we offer free battery-operated smoke detectors to all residents (while supplies last). Test smoke detectors monthly; replace batteries every six months, replace each detector every ten years, and make sure they are placed nearby all sleeping areas. If you have any questions regarding smoke detector placement, please call us at the fire station at 210-684-3219.

## November 08, 2016 General, Special and Bond Election - Voting Calendar

Early Voting will be held at the Leon Valley Conference Center & Election Day Voting will be held at the Leon Valley City Hall Council Chambers

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Oct. 24 <sup>th</sup> 8 am – 6 pm	Oct. 25 <sup>th</sup> 8 am – 6 pm	Oct. 26 <sup>th</sup> 8 am – 6 pm	Oct. 27 <sup>th</sup> 8 am – 6 pm	Oct. 28 <sup>th</sup> 8 am – 6 pm	Oct. 29 <sup>th</sup> 8am – 8 pm
Oct. 30 <sup>th</sup> Noon – 6 pm	Oct. 31 <sup>st</sup> 8 am – 8 pm	Nov. 1 <sup>st</sup> 8 am – 8 pm	Nov. 2 <sup>nd</sup> 8 am – 8 pm	Nov. 3 <sup>rd</sup> 8 am – 8 pm	Nov. 4 <sup>th</sup> 8 am – 8 pm	Nov. 5 <sup>th</sup> <b>No voting</b>
Nov. 6 <sup>th</sup> <b>No voting</b>	Nov. 7 <sup>th</sup> <b>No voting</b>	Nov. 8 <sup>th</sup> <b>ELECTION DAY</b> 7 am – 7 pm				

\*For a complete list of poll sites please visit Bexar County Elections Department at <http://elections.bexar.org/index.html>

**YOU MUST BE REGISTERED IN LEON VALLEY TO VOTE IN THIS ELECTION. PLEASE BE REMINDED THAT TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2016 IS THE LAST DAY FOR UNREGISTERED APPLICANTS TO SUBMIT A FEDERAL POSTCARD APPLICATION. PLEASE CONTACT CITY SECRETARY PASSAILAIGUE AT (210) 684-1391 EXTENSION 216 FOR ASSISTANCE WITH VOTER REGISTRATION OR TO VERIFY YOUR CURRENT VOTER REGISTRATION.**

Voting by mail has been available to elderly voters and voters with physical disabilities in Texas for decades. Applications for a ballot by mail must be submitted to the Bexar County Elections Department no earlier than 2 months before Election Day and no later than 9 days before.

**You may vote by mail if you are:**

- Going to be away from your county on Election Day and during early voting
- Sick or disabled
- 65 years of age or older on Election Day
- Confined in jail, but eligible to vote

Please complete and return your application between 60 days and 9 days prior to the election for which a ballot is requested. Applications are available at City Hall or for further information, please call (210) 335-0362.

Bexar County Elections Department must receive your marked ballot by **7 p.m. on Election Day**.



## TRASH & TREASURE SALE

### NORTHWEST SENIOR CITIZENS LEON VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER



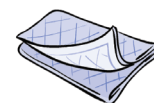
6427 Evers Road  
Leon Valley, Texas 78240

Saturday Only  
OCTOBER 29, 2016

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



INCLUDING  
**CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY**  
AND  
**ARBOR DAY TREE GIVE-AWAY**

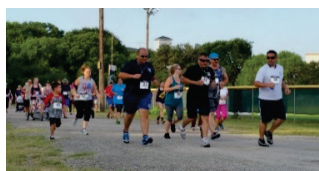


VENDORS NEED NOT BE MEMBERS OF  
NORTHWEST SENIORS CITIZENS  
REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE FOR SALE



## 1<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL CICLOVÍA LEON VALLEY

INSPIRED BY THE YMCA OF GREATER SAN ANTONIO SÍCLOVÍA



**Saturday, October 29, 2016**

9:00am to 2:00pm

Evers Road & Poss Road

(Raymond Rimkus Park)

A **FREE FUN & HEALTHY FAMILY-FRIENDLY &  
PET-FRIENDLY EVENT FOR ALL – JOIN US!!!**

*Evers Road and Poss Road will be closed off and made safe for a ½ day of fun! Come out and bicycle, walk, run, roller skate/roller blade, skateboard, dance and so much more. How often can you safely play in the street? There will be stations along Evers Road and Poss Road encouraging physical fitness and activity. Once you get to Raymond Rimkus Park you can join more heart pumping fun with your family, friends and pets. Visit with health, wellness and fitness experts too! All are welcome! **FREE EVENT!***

For more information call 210.812.3334 or visit our website at [www.leonvalleytexas.gov](http://www.leonvalleytexas.gov)





## **Need Help Selecting the Right Health Insurance for You?**

Beginning in November 2016 through January 2017 every Tuesday from 10:00a.m.-2:00p.m., Mr. Eddie Ramirez with the Daughter of Charity Services of San Antonio will be offer-

ing FREE assistance with health insurance questions to help you select the best health care for your needs, and avoid no health care penalties. There are no costs or hidden agendas. This is simply a community service designed to help you. For more information please call Eddie at (210) 790-5585.

# **LEON VALLEY**

## **Awards for:**

- Best Food**
- Most Spirit**
- Most Attendees**



# **Sunday October 2nd**

## **6pm through 9pm**



**For more information and to register your event,  
Call Assistant Police Chief (Interim) Ruben Saucedo  
at 210-684-1391 or Email [r.saucedo@LeonValleyTexas.gov](mailto:r.saucedo@LeonValleyTexas.gov)**

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ments or equipment for three subdivision parks, the Aquarium Detention Pond Easement Trail, and musical instruments for Raymond Rimkus Park.

The Enterprise Fund, funded by the City's water and sewer revenues, is budgeted at \$4.04 million in revenues and \$ 4.04 million in expenditures. Reflected in this budget is the approved rate increase (\$7.99 for customers who use 2,500 gallons of water and \$26.22 for customers who use 5,000 gallons of water). The revenues will fund new debt (\$ 2 million) to replace two 47+ year old water wells. Other major items in the Enterprise fund include \$82,395 to lease water rights and \$194,000 Edwards Aquifer Authority management fee. Capital Acquisition Plan items include \$43,000 for a vacuum trailer and \$140,000 to purchase water rights.

Our city remains in excellent fiscal condition. After funding the FY 2017 budget, the city will have about \$1.8 million in reserve. Additionally, as required by ordinance, we hold \$900,000 in an emergency fund for city operations, for a total of \$2.7 million in general fund reserves.

Your property tax rate is proposed to go down from last year to \$0.556 cent per \$100 of valuation from \$0.561. There is an increase in taxes paid on the average home in Leon Valley because average appraisals of our property increased from \$138,750 to \$147,325. The tax increase for an average Leon Valley home is \$ 40.77 annually. Property taxes are frozen for any homeowner over age 65 due to

Proposition 13. The tax rate and FY 2017 budget will be approved by city council on September 20, 2016 (after two required public hearings and publication in newspapers). Thank you to City Manager Kuenstler, Finance Director Vickie Wallace and all department heads for preparing a budget which is balanced and meets the needs of our city for the next fiscal year.

### THINGS YOU WANT TO KNOW

- Mail Box theft – A number of residents have had mail stolen from their mailboxes. It is strongly suggested that you do not place outgoing mail (especially bills with checks) in your mailbox. Please contact our police department to report any issues (684-3215).
- Google Fiber for higher speed internet is coming to Leon Valley!

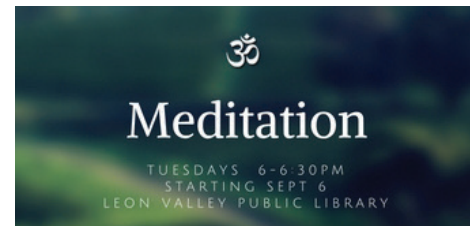
Details will be forthcoming.

- Starbucks at Bandera Heights shopping center is scheduled to open this fall.

Hope to see you at Ciclovía on October 29! Please do not hesitate to call/ email with questions or concerns.

**Sincerely, Chris**

**(210) 618-2092**



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

City Offices will be closed  
In observation of the  
Thanksgiving Holiday on  
Thursday, November 24, 2016  
And Friday, November 25, 2016.



## PIONEER GALA

**Celebration and Benefit for the  
Huebner-Onion Homestead and Stage Coach Stop  
Restoration  
and the Leon Valley Historical Society**

**Friday, Nov. 4, 2016, 6:30 – 10:30 p.m.**

Purchase tickets securely through PayPal at  
**[www.lvhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.lvhistoricalsociety.org)**

For More Information Call Kathy Hill 210-595-8099  
or Barbara Fryer 210-684-0885





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## CITY COUNCIL

**Mayor** Chris Riley  
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**Place 2** Belinda Ealy  
**Place 3** Monica Alcocer  
**Place 4** Benny Martinez  
**Place 5** David Jordan

## LION'S ROAR

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**City Attorney**  
Denise Frederick  
684-1391 x 217  
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Sandy Underwood, Director  
684-0720  
**Fire Department**  
Luis Valdez, Fire Chief  
684-3219  
**Police Department**  
Joe Salvaggio, Police Chief  
684-3215

## Public Works

Melinda Moritz, Director  
681-1232

## Communications Department

Kristie Flores, Director  
684-1391 x 234

## CITY MEETINGS

All meetings at City Hall unless otherwise specified.

### City Council

1st & 3rd Tuesday - 7:00 p.m.

### Board Of Adjustment

Meets as required

### Coffee with the Mayor

Quarterly, 4th Saturday - 9 -11 a.m.

### Community Events Committee

3rd Wednesday - 6:30 p.m.

### Earthwise Living Committee

2nd Wednesday -  
5:30 p.m. Public Works

### Library Board

2nd Tuesday - 5:30 p.m. - Library

### Park Commission

2nd Tuesday - 7:00 p.m. -  
Conference Center

### Stormwater Committee

Quarterly, 1st Monday - 7:00 p.m. -  
Public Works

### Tree Advisory Board

1st Monday - 6:00 p.m.

### Zoning Commission

4th Tuesday - 6:30 p.m.

## Beautification Committee

3rd Wednesday - 4:15 p.m. Fire  
Department

## CITY NUMBERS

Keep these numbers handy

**Emergency Number for POLICE,  
FIRE and EMS** 911

### City Web Site Address

[www.leonvalleytexas.gov](http://www.leonvalleytexas.gov)

**City Hall** 684-1391

### Animal Control &

### Code Compliance

251-1797

204-9979

**Fire** 684-3219

**Police** 684-3215

**CAT** 684-ONIT (6648)

**Human Resources** 684-1391

### Dead Animal Pickup &

### Waste Management

1-800-800-5804

**Public Works** 681-1232

**Library** 684-0720

### Community Center

**Rental** 684-1391 ext. 225

**Senior Citizen's Club** 522-9966

City Hall, non-emergency Police and Fire operations may be contacted at the above numbers Monday - Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Closed weekends and holidays. Public Works Monday - Friday 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.